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SUBJECT: UNCTAD CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSFER OF
TECHNOLOGY, GROUP B OECD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER
27-29

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1. EMBOFFS PRESENTED U.S. POSITION RE SUBJECT MEETING
TO SEVERAL FRG MINISTRIES. MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS HAS
LEAD ON THIS SUBJECT, AND EMBOFF SOLICITED COMMENTS FROM
PETER VON WEYHE, WHO WILL BE FRG REPRESENTATIVE AT
GROUP B OECD MEETING.

2. VON WEYHE SAID FRG HAD NOT YET REACHED DECISION
ON TIMING OR CHANGE OF TIMING FOR UN NEGOTIATING
CONFERENCE BUT WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER
FULLY IN THE GROUP B MEETING. HE SAID HIS INFORMATION
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WAS THAT THE SUBJECT OF A DATE FOR A UN CONFERENCE ON
THE CODE WOULD NOT ARISE AT THE 32ND UNGA SESSION UNTIL
MID-OCTOBER AT EARLIEST.

3. HERR VON WEYHE WENT ON TO EXPRESS HIS PERSONAL VIEWS
ON PROSPECTS FOR A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSFER OF
TECHNOLOGY. FIRST, HE BELIVED SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

WAS NO GREAT PROBLEM; IT HAD BEEN FLEXIBLE IN THE PAST AND SUCH WOULD PROBABLY CONTINUE TO BE THE CASE. OF GREATER IMPORTANCE TO THE FRG, HOWEVER, WAS THAT INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES APPEARED TO CONCEDE MORE AND MORE AT EACH SESSION OF THE UNCTAD GROUP OF EXPERTS WITHOUT COUNTERBALANCING CONCESSIONS FROM THE G-77. HE FELT THIS WAS RAPIDLY CREATING AN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION.

4. A DEEPLY FELT TENET OF THE FRG IS THAT TECHNOLOGY IS THE WEST'S LIFE BLOOD - OR AS HE PHRASED IT "UNSER OEL" (OUR OIL) - AND CANNOT BE TRADED AWAY LIGHTLY. VON WEYHE CONCLUDED THAT IF IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT NO REAL BASIS OF COOPERATION EXISTED BETWEEN GROUP B AND THE G-77 IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO HAVE THE "SHOWDOWN" SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. FOR ONE THING, HE SAID, IT WOULD SPARE US THE SALAMI TACTICS OF THE G-77 IN A STRUNG OUT SERIES OF EXPERT GROUP MEETINGS.
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